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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 8/12/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 26-37.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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/David L. Wood/
Examiner, Art Unit 3695

/Charles R. Kyle/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3695

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. William Paradice on December 1, 2009, with proposed claims forwarded by email.

The claims to the application have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring intellectual property (IP) between competing parties [[performed by a system]], wherein the parties include a manufacturer of products and a licensor of the IP, comprising:

generating a license agreement between the parties that includes a royalty rate, a mark-up rate, and a target division of manufactured products that include the IP;

determining the royalty rate as a first percentage of a cost of a component material of the manufactured products using a computer system;

determining the mark-up rate as a second percentage of the cost of the component material of the manufactured products using the computer system; [[and]]

selecting a target net material cost using the computer system, wherein the net material cost is on a per-unit basis;

determining the target division of the manufactured products as a split of the products between the parties that results in [[a]] the target net material cost using the computer system; and

dividing the manufactured products between the manufacturer and the licensor in accordance with the target division, wherein the target division includes a demand division based on demand for the manufactured products. target net material cost.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, [[wherein the parties include a manufacturer of the products and a licensor of the IP, the method]] further comprising:

[[dividing the manufactured products between the manufacturer and the licensor in accordance with the target division, wherein the target division includes a demand division based on demand for the manufactured products;]]

transferring royalty payments from the manufacturer to the licensor for each product retained by the manufacturer, wherein the royalty payments are determined using the royalty rate; and

transferring mark-up payments from the licensor to the manufacturer for each manufactured product received by the licensor, wherein the mark-up payments are determined using the mark-up rate.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, [[wherein the parties include a manufacturer of the products and a licensor of the IP,]] wherein the target division is determined so that a first ratio of a number of products allocated to the licensor to a

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number of products allocated to the manufacturer is approximately equal to a second ratio of the royalty rate to the mark-up rate.

26. (Currently Amended) A method [[performed by a system]] comprising:

- identifying a product for manufacture and sale;
- setting a royalty rate that is a first percentage of a cost of a component material of the product using a computer system;
- setting a mark-up rate that is a second percentage of the cost of the component material using the computer system;
- identifying a target split of at least one production group of the product that results in a target net material cost using the computer system, wherein the target split includes a first number of the products retained by a first party and a second number of the products for delivery to a second party; and
- generating, using the computer system, an agreement between the first party and the second party under which the first party manufactures and sells the product in accordance with the royalty rate and the target split and the second party sells the product in accordance with the mark-up rate and the target split.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the target split results in a net material cost that is approximately equal for each of the parties and a party taking more products than allocated to the party under the target split would realize an increasing net material cost and a party taking fewer products than allocated

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to the party under the target division would realize a decreasing net material cost,
wherein the net material cost is on a per-unit basis.

30. (Currently Amended) A method [[performed by a system]] for supplying products in a market, comprising:

transferring technology of the products between parties including a licensor and a licensee;

establishing a royalty rate that is a first percentage of a cost of a component material of the products and establishing a mark-up rate that is a second percentage of the cost of the component material using a computer system;

identifying a target division of manufactured products that results in a selected target net material cost using the computer system, wherein the net material cost is on a per-unit basis;

manufacturing the products using the transferred technology and transferring royalty payments from the licensee to the licensor, wherein the royalty payments are determined using the royalty rate;

dividing the manufactured products between the licensor and the licensee in accordance with the target division and transferring mark-up payments from the licensor to the licensee for each manufactured product received by the licensor; and

supplying the products to customers in the market, wherein the products are available for purchase from the licensor and the licensee.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

3. It is common practice to tie royalties for the licensing of intellectual property to a percentage of the sales price of the goods produced which include the intellectual property. Textbooks and articles are almost universal in that approach. An alternative is a purely fixed-cost method, which does not relate to the sales price of the goods. Few other alternatives appear in publications prior to the instant application. The Scherer, et al., article describes the only other variation that appears close to the claimed invention. A UK compulsory license for drugs used this formula: ""To research, development, and testing costs averaged over the licensing firm's pharmaceutical operations, a fairly generous profit margin was added to arrive at the royalty per kilogram." (Scherer, page 923, second full paragraph). One interpretation of this is that a percentage profit based on "costs" was used, which is similar to the claimed "royalty rate as a first percentage of a cost of a component material." Cost, after all, is a very fluid term, which can describe many accounting concepts, such as direct costs, direct plus some burden rate representing indirect costs, or a full-cost allocation of all overhead with some quantity assumptions. There is no single definition of "cost." But the claims do use the phrase "cost of a component material" which implies a direct material cost without any indirect/overhead/burden added. The claims also require the royalty be a percentage, so that if the material cost changed, the royalty would also change. This is apparently different from the Scherer reference, which arrived at, essentially, a fixed cost per unit which was calculated with an initial percentage, but which does not vary as costs vary. And the Scherer costs clearly include some forms of

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overhead, if not all overhead. So, first, the claimed invention departs from common licensing by tying the royalty to a percentage of cost, rather than using other common methods.

4. The second feature that is novel and non-obvious is the combination of royalty and manufacturing mark-up rates, in a situation where the owner of the intellectual property both licenses the IP to a manufacturer/fabricator, and also buys finished product with that IP from the licensor who is doing the manufacturing/fabricating. The use of material costs as the basis for both royalty and mark-up, along with the target material cost and quantity allocation (split between parties) leads to the invention of a method of establishing IP licensing/manufacturing between the two parties that prevents the more powerful party from driving the other out of business using aggressive sales pricing. The closest art that even considers the situation is perhaps the Contractor patent publication. Although Contractor speaks of the general licensing situation, it does not address the predatory pricing problem nor does it present the use of royalty tied to cost and the combination of claimed features in the instant invention.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID L. WOOD whose telephone number is (571)270-3607. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 7:30 - 4:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Kyle can be reached on 571-272-6746. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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December 1, 2009

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